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Office of the Commissioner of Railroads
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Dear Commissioner:

Project ID 2995-07-50
West Allis Cross-Town Connector Trail, City of West Allis
(UP Crossing Surfaces)
Milwaukee County
East Crossing No. TBD
West Crossing No. TBD

This is a petition being filed with your office in accordance with Section 195.29 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of West Allis are planning to create a multi-use path which will connect STH 100 (South 108th Street) to West Burnham Street in the City of West Allis, Milwaukee County. As part of this project, the Department and City would like to create two at-grade crossings with the Union Pacific's Waukesha Subdivision and the connector track of the wye between the Milwaukee and Waukesha Subdivisions.

The Department and City previously petitioned your office to create two crossings as part of a previous project to connect the trail system in West Allis, Docket 9040-RX-1299. The creation of these crossings was denied in a Final Decision dated October 3, 2012, because it was found that the crossings as previously located and designed would be unsafe.

The current proposal has the eastern at-grade crossing located across the connector track of the wye between the Waukesha and Milwaukee Subdivisions. The new crossings would be brought in at near a 90-degree angle to reduce the chance of a wheel getting caught between the rails and the crossing surface. The expected quadrant sight distance at both of the proposed crossings would be adequate in all four quadrants with some clearing required and is expected to exceed the required 106 feet. The clearing sight distance is expected to be greater than 300 feet in each quadrant of both proposed crossings. The Department understands that rail traffic consists of 2 – 3 freight trains per week on the Waukesha Sub and that cars are occasionally spotted on the wye connector.

The Department recommends that both proposed crossings have passive warning devices with detectable warning fields and required advanced warning signage as shown on attached drawings.

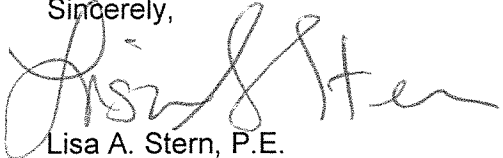
The current project letting date is March 25, 2016. We request a hearing to determine the appropriateness of the new crossings and the appropriate warning devices for each. The project requests a construction completion date of each crossing by July 29, 2016.

These crossings will be funded with a combination of federal and City of West Allis funds.

Attached for your information are the following:

1. Railroad Crossing Reports (4 pages)
2. Title Sheet (1 page)
3. Project Overview (1 page)
4. Finished Typical Section (1 page)
5. Crossing Detail Sheets (2 pages)
6. Plan and Profile (2 pages)

Sincerely,



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